



## Heating and Cooling Rebate Program Nearly Complete

*Funds For Successful Program Will Be Exhausted After More Than 15,000 Rebates Are Distributed*

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(Indianapolis)--- Lt. Governor Becky Skillman has announced the Indiana Heating and Air Conditioning Incentive Program (IHIP) is expected to run out of money by July 15, 2010. The program will have distributed nearly \$6 million in rebates for the purchase and installation of Energy Star rated heating and air conditioning equipment in Indiana homes. It is expected over 15,000 rebates averaging \$400 each will have been distributed to Hoosiers when the fund is depleted.

“The IHIP program has been a total success” said Lt. Governor Becky Skillman. “Literally thousands of Hoosiers are now enjoying a more energy efficient home because they were able to take advantage of this rebate program.”

IHIP is the Indiana program that is part of the federal State Energy Efficiency Appliance Rebate Program (SEEARP). Indiana received \$6.1 million for the program. The program, which has been administered by the Indiana Office of Energy Development (OED) opened February 1, 2010. Rebates range from \$150 to \$1,000 depending on the technology being installed. The IHIP rebate is in addition to any available utility company rebates as well as state and federal tax incentives.

“The distribution of rebates to Hoosiers who have purchased this equipment has been nearly flawless,” said Brandon Seitz, OED Director. “The U.S. Dept. of Energy has praised Indiana for how smoothly this program has been carried out. The promotion of the program by Indiana equipment manufacturers, distributors, retailers and installers was critical to its success”

Indiana residents who purchased and installed a furnace, boiler, central air conditioning unit or heat pump after February 1, 2010 and have not filed a rebate claim are urged to do so as soon as possible. Qualifying rebate claims are paid on a first come first served basis, and once the funds are exhausted, no rebate claims will be accepted.

Consumers and installers can learn more about the program as well as download rebate forms and other materials at the IHIP Web site, <http://www.INenergyefficiency.com>. The Web site is also linked from OED’s Web site, [www.energy.IN.gov](http://www.energy.IN.gov).

Consumers without Internet access can call 800-573-3503 to have a copy of the form mailed to them.

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The Office of Energy Development (OED) was created in December 2005 as an extension of the Indiana energy office. Under the leadership of Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, OED is responsible for the state’s energy policy. For more information visit [www.energy.in.gov](http://www.energy.in.gov), or follow OED on twitter, IndianaEnergy.

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